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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) No proposals are pending.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) The cost of acquisition of the lands was found to be prohibitive and alternative lands, which were cheaper, were available. The acquisition was therefore withdrawn."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I ask, Sir, for how long these people are suffering for want of house-sites? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" They did not accept the alternative sites that were offered to them."

* 166 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" This question may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, it will be taken up tomorrow."

Levy system of procurement.

* 167 Q.—SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether a uniform rate is adopted for levy of paddy by Government throughout the whole State or any distinction made with reference to different parts of the State and if so, why; and

(b) whether the Government received memoranda from various ryots' associations for lowering the rate of levy for Narasapur taluk, especially for Narasapur and Mogalturu Firkas in view of the salinity and poor quality of the fields of the firkas and what steps the Government propose to take in this behalf?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The levy system of procurement has been introduced only in parts of the surplus districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Tanjore to achieve a target of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakh tons of rice to be kept as reserve stock for meeting emergencies during 1953. The scales for each district have been fixed in consultation with the Collectors having regard to the seasonal conditions and production this year in each district.

" (b) No representations have been received from the ryots' associations of Narasapur taluk for lowering the levy rate. Some petitions were however received from certain individuals of Narasapur taluk for reducing the rate of levy demand and they were transferred to the Collector of West Godavari for necessary action under clause 3 (2) of the Levy Order wherein the Collectors have been empowered to reduce the scales of levy in deserving cases. The Collector has also been specifically instructed to use his discretion liberally and reduce the levy demand suitably wherever necessary. If the conditions in Narasapur and Mogalturu Firkas call for any reduction in the levy scales, the Collector of West Godavari will take necessary action under the discretion given to him."

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SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU :—" నర్సాపురం తాలూకా, మొగల్తూరు ఫిర్కాలోని భూములకు సముద్రపు తీరమున ఉన్నటువంటి జలహీనమైన భూములకు ఈ లెవీ పద్ధతిని వర్తింపకుండా చేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not see any particular reason why sea coast land should be exempted unless there is no production at all."

SRI ALLURI VENKATARAMA RAJU :—" ఇప్పుడు ఈ ఆహార సేకరణ విషయములో ముఖ్యంగా 20% మాత్రమే procurement జరిగిందని మా ప్రాంతాలలో తెలుస్తున్నది. రాజోలు తాలూకాలో 60 బస్తాలు కావలసింది 10 బస్తాలు మాత్రమే అయింది. వందలకొలది ఎకరములుగల భూస్వాములు ఇదివరకు levy ఇవ్వలేదని ఆఫీసర్లు చెప్పుతున్నారు. కనుక దీనిని గురించి ప్రభుత్వము ఏరకమైన చర్య తీసుకోబోతున్నారు."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are taking steps to procure whatever is necessary to reach the target. If there is any individual case of evasion, certainly action will be taken."

SRI B. SANKARIAH :—" ఒకే రకమైన బియ్యానికి ఒకే ధర ఇప్పుడు market లో ఉండడం ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలియదా ? అటువంటప్పుడు ఏదో ఉత్పత్తి ఖర్చులు అవీ ఇవీ అనే సాకుతో వివిధ ధరలు నిర్ణయించకుండా ఒకే రకమైన బియ్యానికి ఒకే ధరను నిర్ణయిస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, we have got fixed prices for fixed qualities, namely, first sort and second sort."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" உபரி ஜில்லாக்களில் இருக்கக்கூடிய பற்றுக்குறை பிரதேசங்களிலிருந்து கொள்முதல் செய்வதை நிறுத்தி வைக்க உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" ஒரு ஜில்லாவை எடுத்துக் கொண்டால், அது பூராவையும் கணக்கில் எடுத்துக்கொண்டுதான் அது உபரி ஜில்லாவா, பற்றுக்குறை ஜில்லாவா என்று நிர்ணயிக்கிறோம். சிறு சிறு வட்டாரங்களையெல்லாம் எடுத்துக்கொண்டு அதை நிர்ணயிக்க முடியாது."

Contributions in respect of works executed under the Rural Welfare Scheme.

* 168 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one-fourth contribution towards the estimated cost is to be paid even by poor Harijans to have the benefit of reading rooms, bathrooms, drinking wells, drinking ponds, etc., under the Rural Welfare Scheme?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No contributions are *insisted upon* in respect of works executed under the Rural Welfare Scheme intended to benefit mainly the Harijans."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that the Harijans are economically backward, will the Government consider the desirability of exempting the Harijans from the payment 9 a.m